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ATTENTION: AID LIAISON FOR DELIVERY TO R. L. O'CONNOR, AA/EA

1. KENNEDY SUBCOMMITTEE TO HOLD HEARING ON LAO REFUGEES ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 6.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SUBCOMMITTEE WILL FORWARD SHORTLY INDICATION OF THEIR PRINCIPAL AREAS OF INTEREST. WE EXPECT BROAD ISSUES TO BE RAISED WHICH ARE BEYOND AID'S PURVIEW: GENERAL ESCALATION OF WAR IN LAOS, IMPACT ON LAO CIVILIANS OF U.S. BOMBING, OVERALL POLICIES REGARDING GENERATION OF REFUGEES, ETC.

3. THUS, WHILE SUBCOMMITTEE APPARENTLY INTENDS AID OFFICIAL TO BE CENTRAL WITNESS, WITNESSES FROM STATE AND DOD WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED BY SUBCOMMITTEE.

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4. IN VIEW ABOVE, WE ARE DISCUSSING WITH STATE GENERAL STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO HEARING INCLUDING ADVISABILITY AND POSSIBLE NATURE OF WRITTEN STATEMENT(S).

5. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

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